

Dear Commissioners
of the FCC,

I strongly object to
the abuse of power
represented by
Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election.
Media consolidation
is the root of this
problem, and it
springs from the
excessive force
inherent in too much
power in the hands
of a very few
mega-wealthy CEOs.

Since Sinclair uses
the public airwaves
free of charge, it
is obligated by law
to serve the public
interest. When large
companies control
the airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard.

Yours in high
dudgeon,
Lynn Scott Cochrane